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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the rejoiner of claims 2-11 with claim 1 in this application.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 for reciting a use without setting forth the process steps. Applicants have amended claim 12-15 and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1-15 to overcome this objection and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112 as failing to point out the claimed invention. Applicants have amended claims 1-15 to overcome this objection and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, first and second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to overcome this objection and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claim be allowed.

Claims 2-11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112 as failing to point out the claimed invention. Applicants have amended claim 2 to overcome this objection and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, for reciting a use without setting forth the process steps. Applicants have amended claim 12-15 and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

New claims 16 and 17 have been added. Claim 16 is derived from limitations

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removed from claim 15. Claim 17 is derived from limitations removed from claim 1.
No new matter has been added.

As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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